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Title: The Speaker made reference to the passing away of Shri Bhagwan Dutta Shastri, Member of 1st Lok Sabha and Shri Hari Kishore Singh, Member of 5th, 9th and 10th Lok Sabhas.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have to inform the House about the sad demise of two of our former Members, Sarvashri Bhagwan Dutta Shastri and Hari Kishore Singh.

Shri Bhagwan Dutta Shastri was a Member of First Lok Sabha from 1952 to 1956 representing the then Shahdol-Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency of Vidhya Pradesh.

Shri Bhagwan Dutta Shastri passed away on 24th July, 2013 in Rewa, Madhya Pradesh at the age of 93.

Shri Hari Kishore Singh was a Member of Fifth, Ninth and Tenth Lok Sabhas representing Pupri and Sheohar Parliamentary Constituencies of Bihar.

Shri Singh served as Union Minister of State for External Affairs during 1990-1991. He also served as Chairman, Railway Convention Committee.

A widely travelled person, Shri Singh represented India at the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Committee on South Africa in Abuja, Nigeria in 1991. He was also a part of Indian delegation to United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 1976.

Shri Hari Kishore Singh passed away on 28th August, 2013 in New Delhi at the age of 79.

We deeply mourn the loss of our former Members and I am sure, the House would join me in conveying our condolences to the bereaved families.

The House may now stand in silence for a short while as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

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The members then stood in silence for a short while.